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AMERICANS, STOP THINKING LIKE COMMUNISTS

PLEADS A FORMER COMMUNIST
AND PATRIOTIC AMERICAN NEGRO

REMARKS
OF

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• Mr. McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, Julia Brown, who was for many years an undercover member of the Communist Party of the United States for the FBI, addressed the Council of The John Birch Society here in Washington on June 9, 1980. She

felt it appropriate at that time to restate her testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee of one year ago pertaining to the possible enactment of a Federal paid holiday in honor of the late Martin Luther King. Her testimony, then, as now, is deserving of wider attention. This lady has given a lot to her country and her views are not popular in some circles but they are valid in my view. I commend it to the attention of my colleagues.

Her testimony follows:

MRS. JULIA BROWN — JUNE 9, 1980

Thank you, Mr. Welch. Members of the COUNCIL, ladies and gentlemen, it is an honor to attend a gathering such as this — even more of an honor to be asked to speak.

I have done a great deal of speaking throughout the United States, and I have come to Washington on many occasions to testify before various government agencies. I believe this is the first time that I have ever appeared before an audience in this city to deliver a speech, instead of to provide testimony.

My most recent visit to Washington occurred just about one year ago when I addressed the Senate Judiciary Committee. The matter under consideration was a bill to declare a national holiday in honor of Martin Luther King. As you know, the measure did not pass last year. Unfortunately, however, it is still being promoted by a large number of Senators and Congressmen. I am strongly opposed to such a proposal. If I may, I would like to repeat the short testimony I gave to the Senate Judiciary Committee last June.

Senate Testimony

Mr. Chairman, I, Julia Brown, joined the Communist Party in December, 1947, thinking I was joining a legitimate civil rights movement. Finding out that I was a true member of the Communist Party which advocated the overthrow of the U.S. Government, I decided to leave the organization, but I had to bide my time to avoid suspicion. Subsequently I went to the FBI to report what I had heard and seen. In 1951, I was asked by the FBI to go back into the Communist Party as an under-

cover agent to report on their subversive activities.

While at the Communist Party meetings, which only Party members attended, I frequently heard Martin Luther King discussed, and was told by Frieda Catz that he was in training for a civil rights movement. Frieda Catz was a Party member from Cleveland, Ohio, who had been assigned to my training and education within the Communist Party. On learning this, I reported it to my contact in the FBI. He told me that the Bureau knew that Martin Luther King had high level connections with the Communist Party, and I should report anything else that I heard about his activities. I continued to report until 1960, over ten long years.

In Martin Luther King's early years of agitation, he was the hero of America's Communists. The cells that I was associated with in Cleveland were continually being asked to raise money for Martin Luther King's activities and to support his civil rights movement by writing letters to the press and influencing local clergymen, and especially black clergymen, that Martin Luther King was a good person, unselfishly working for the American Negro, and in no way connected with the Communist Party.

There are many great American Negroes such as George Washington Carver and Booker T. Washington who provide the youth of America with an example they can follow. Martin Luther King provides an example of agitation and manipulation for goals dictated by hatred and envy. The memory of Carver and Washington would be dishonored if your Committee acts favorably in this matter.



This 1957 photo shows Martin Luther King at Highlander Folk School in Tennessee, identified as Communist training school. In lower left corner is Abner W. Berry of Communist Party's Central Committee. On King's right is Aubrey Williams, President of Southern Conference Educational Fund, an official Communist front that helped finance King.

Mr. Chairman, while I was in the Communist Party, as a loyal American Negro, I knew Martin Luther King to be closely connected with the Communist Party. If this measure is passed honoring Martin Luther King, we may as well take down the stars and stripes that fly over this building and replace it with a red flag.

And that was my message to the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 2, 1979. I would like to believe that what I said would have been enough to stop the glorification of Martin Luther King. But we all know that, even if they never name a holiday after him, there are still too many Americans who hold that man to be like a god. What has happened, of course, is that there are too many of our fellow citizens who actually have been conditioned to think exactly the way Communists want them to think.

Communist Mentality In America

And not just about Martin Luther King! Right now huge numbers

of Americans have been convinced that they should rely on government to provide all the necessities of life, and even to provide the distinction between right and wrong. Government has become the source of everything for many Americans. Such attitudes never built this great country and made it such a wonderful land of plenty.

On the contrary, the attitude that holds that government is the provider is the one that dominates countries like Soviet Russia, China and Cuba. But Americans who think like the Communists do not appreciate the difference between a free country such as ours, and a slave country such as exists in Red Russia.

When I was working for the FBI as a member of the Communist Party, it became evident to me that the Party's open and announced intention regarding our country was quite different from its quiet and more important intention. The announced intention was to overthrow the United States government by force and violence.

But, while all Communists were

told to build for the day when that overthrow could be accomplished, a great deal more of the Party's efforts were directed towards making the United States government larger and more of a dominant influence over the lives of the American people. Actually, Communists were seeking to strengthen the federal government all the time — through socialistic legislation and increasing government control over the free enterprise system. Communists were seeking to destroy the U.S. government and to build it into an all-powerful force at the same time.

Except for the area of military defense, no American should want a powerful central government. This is what Communists want. Yet, today, millions of Americans not only want a big federal bureaucracy, they also want to cut back on needed military and defense programs. They have been led to think exactly like the Communists want them to think.

Communist Control Of Education

A good example of what is happening to America came to mind with the establishment of the new cabinet-level Department of Education. This is something that Communists have always wanted. And just a few weeks ago, this new Department came into existence.

William Z. Foster called for this Communist goal in a very explicit way in his famous book TOWARD SOVIET AMERICA. In that book, Foster, who was the National Chairman of the Communist Party of the United States actually stated that one of the steps toward the

creation of a Communist America was the creation of a National Department of Education. And he wrote his book in 1932! His book was so important to the Communists that it was published simultaneously by two publishing houses, only one of which was openly Communist.

Only a short time after Foster wrote his book, however, American Communists received orders to suppress it. The book turned out to be too explicit. And so, from that time on, American Communists did whatever they could to hide the publication of Foster's plans by destroying TOWARD SOVIET AMERICA. Communists were allowed to read it, but no one else was to see it. Through the efforts of some patriotic anti-Communists, however, this book was re-published in 1961. It carried a Foreword by Congressman Francis Walter, who was at that time the Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

On page 316 of TOWARD SOVIET AMERICA, Communist Party Chairman William Z. Foster wrote as follows: "Among the elementary measures the American Soviet government will adopt to further the cultural revolution are the following; the schools, colleges and universities will be coordinated and grouped under a National Department of Education and its state and local branches."

Then he said: "The studies will be revolutionized, being cleansed of religious, patriotic and other features of the bourgeois ideology. The students will be taught internationalism and the general ethics of the new Socialist society."

So, here we have the National Chairman of the Communist Party

calling for the establishment of a National Department of Education. And he wanted it to remove religion and patriotism from the schools, and at the same time promote internationalism and Socialist ethics. Socialist ethics means that whatever is good for the state is right; whatever is not good for the state is wrong. That amounts to no real ethics at all.

In 1979, Congress passed the legislation which set up this Communist-desired Education Department. Then, President Carter selected as the nation's first Secretary of Education a Los Angeles Judge named Shirley Hufstедler who is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies. In other words, the lady chosen to run the Department of Education, which Communists have wanted since 1932, is a Humanist.

What do Humanists believe in? Well, the Humanist Manifesto published in 1973 says that Humanists do *not* believe in God; reject any standard of ethics; and oppose national sovereignty. According to the same document, humanists are for: world government, sexual freedom, abortion, and an end to parental control over children. Does any of that differ from William Z. Foster's or any other Communist's design for America? No, it does not!

Am I saying that Mrs. Hufstедler is a Communist? No, I'm saying that she is a Humanist. And although not all Humanists are Communists, my experience tells me that all Communists are Humanists.

So, not only have Congress and the President followed Communist desires in creating a federal Education Department, but an ideal Com-



Mrs. Julia Brown

munist choice to head it has been chosen by Mr. Carter.

You are not going to read or hear about this shocking information in the public news media. It takes a group like The John Birch Society to focus attention on these matters. And, without information such as this, most Americans will end up thinking exactly as Communists want them to think — that a federal Department of Education is a good thing, and that the lady judge will be a good administrator.

Building Communism In America

Years ago, this Society produced a film about the civil rights movement called *Anarchy USA*. I was pleased to appear in a portion of that film. And I was even more pleased to know that the film did a great deal of good.

Many times, in *Anarchy USA*,

Soviet dictator Lenin was quoted as saying: "Communism must be built with non-Communist hands." That lesson was drummed into all Party members when I was in the Party. The Communist strategy aimed at deceiving people into accepting and working for Communist programs, without ever letting it be known that Communism was the result.

This strategy is still working very well today. If you need proof that it is, I ask you: How long has it been since you took a look at the *Communist Manifesto*? Or, have you ever looked at it? If you have, you know how many present federal programs have been called for by Karl Marx in his famous document. And you know how many other programs dreamed up by Marx are being proposed.

The heavy progressive income tax and the Federal Reserve System are planks in the *Communist Manifesto*. Federal takeover of land and land-use controls can be found in it. The *Manifesto* calls for an end to the rights of inheritance, which has largely been accomplished. Yet, all these Communist programs were sold to Americans as something else.

The *Manifesto* calls for federal control of communications and transportation — and the appropriate federal agencies are already in place to accomplish those tasks. Government ownership of business is called for, and we are well along this road. Establishment of industrial armies is proposed, and we have VISTA, CETA and other such agencies. Finally, the *Communist Manifesto* calls for free education for all in government schools. The Communists want no diversity in education. They want a government

controlled by them to be everyone's teacher.

Maybe we should extend a great big thank you to all the people who in recent years have started private schools. They may not know that they are refusing to go along with Karl Marx's program, but they know enough to know that something is terribly wrong in the government schools. I certainly hope that the private school movement grows stronger and stronger in America.

What I am telling you, of course, is that America is being converted into a Communist country. It is not hard to see this if you know what to look for. This conversion is certainly being accomplished by Communists. But they get tremendous help from Democrats and Republicans. The problem is that the American people do not know what the Communist program is. And they also do not know what the American system is supposed to be.

Destruction Of Americanism

One of the greatest goals of Communism has always been to get people dependent on government. The American system has always meant that government should leave us alone and merely protect our rights.

The Communist way costs tremendous amounts of money. The taxes and controls that result from government taking care of huge numbers of people actually lead to a destruction of jobs and businesses. In turn, this leads to more people becoming dependent on government.

We all read recently about the horrible riot in Miami. It resulted in fifteen deaths, 370 injuries and

millions of dollars in property damage. The riot was a chilling reminder of what happened twelve to fifteen years ago — in Watts, Detroit, Newark and so many other places.

One aspect of the Miami riot that has received little attention was its terrible savagery. One of the victims was killed after being dragged from his car and beaten. He died when a car was driven back and forth over his body — several times. A group standing by cheered! Another victim was so badly mutilated that he could not even be identified.

We like to think that, because there have been no large riots in over a decade, there has been a big improvement in race relations. I wish I could say that such was the case.

What has happened is that Communists and those who do their will have accomplished two major goals. First, they have convinced a great many Americans that government is supposed to be the provider. And, second, they have slowed down American industry — which means that there are fewer jobs, fewer opportunities to start a small business,¹ and fewer Americans able to be independent of government.

Too Much Government

When America's productivity slows down, who gets hurt first? The unskilled worker who lives in the inner city gets hurt first. And, because of what he has been told, he immediately looks to government to take care of him. What he doesn't know, and what leaders like Martin Luther King never told him, is that too much government took away his job in the first place.

The government programs that are supposed to help him actually turn out to make him a slave — to government! Deep down, he knows this. He ends up hating the system, and hating the people who administer it. It is then very easy to make his hatred racial in nature.

As I see reports in the newspaper about steel mills closing, and automobile plants shutting down, and America not growing the way it always has grown, I become very concerned. It has been almost twenty years since I served the FBI in the Communist Party. The Party members that I know were all trained to use this type of economic disorder to further the cause of Communism and to further the destruction of America. And, even though the Communist Party receives little attention today, its people are still active and still able to turn many things to a Communist purpose.

Even worse, self-serving politicians of all races continue to push for the same goals as the Communists. They have no regard for the people they claim to be helping. And they have no regard for the country they are supposed to be serving.

It is more than foolish to make government larger and more powerful. Doing so is the certain road to a Communist America. And I, for one, think that the Carters, the Kennedys and lots more like them don't even care about what they are doing to America — as long as their own nests are feathered.

How To Save America

The task that remains for real Americans is to tell the truth about where this country is headed — and

who is taking all of us down the road to a Communist America. What has to be done is to get more Americans to stop thinking like the Communists want them to think.

It has been obvious to me for a long time that this organization is doing the right thing. I have travelled all over the United States to speak for The John Birch Society's speakers bureau. The Society members that I met in cities and towns everywhere were fine people who were not taken in by Communist propaganda. They helped to slow down the rush toward Soviet-style rule here in America. But there is still plenty left to be done. Only now, there is less time to do it.

So I urge all of you who are part

of this wonderful group to keep working hard. You're on the right track. And, those of you who are not members, or who are not hardworking members, I ask you to get busy. If you don't, the Communists will win with all the help that they're getting from those Democrats and Republicans. They will win because the American people did not know the difference between Americanism and Communism.

Julia Brown does not ever want a situation to develop where she has to say: "I told you so!"

Julia Brown would much rather be able, in a few years, to say: "I was part of a great team that helped to save America."

Thank you very much.

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